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## **GRAIN VALLEY WOMAN SENTENCED FOR CRACK COCAINE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grain Valley, Mo., woman was sentenced in federal court today for her role in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

**Jacqueline R. Banks**, 35, of Grain Valley, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Banks** to forfeit to the government \$1,241, the proceeds of illegal drug trafficking, which was seized from her residence.

On May 11, 2005, **Banks** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine from Nov. 18, 2003, to July 9, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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